



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

JAMES B. BLACK

RALEIGH 27601-1096

Ms. Renata B. Hesse
Antitrust Division
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, DC 20530-0001

Via facsimile: (202) 307-1454

Re: Support for Microsoft Settlement

Dear Ms. Hesse,

I am writing to express my support for the settlement that the Department of Justice and several states, including North Carolina, have reached with Microsoft. The settlement is reasonable and has bipartisan support. I believe that Microsoft has agreed to make many significant changes in their business practices and that the company is committed to becoming a more responsible industry leader.

The technology industry is a vital force in our North Carolina economy. Settling this lawsuit will allow the industry to continue to rebound and expand. I urge the Department of Justice and the court to approve this settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James B. Black".

James B. Black, Speaker
North Carolina House of Representatives

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